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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, UN,VQ,  
SUBJECT: VISITING MISSION TO THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS

1. ACTING COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) CHAIRMAN ABDULAH (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) HAS INFORMED US THAT AFGHANISTAN MISOFF IS NOT AVAILABLE TO GO ON THE C-24 VISITING MISSION TO THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS. ABDULAH SAID, HOWEVER, THAT MALIAN MISOFF DIAKITE IS AVAILABLE AND SYRIAN MISOFF GLAYEL (C-24 RAPPORTEUR) MAY BE AVAILABLE. NONE OF THE OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO US (INDIA, INDONESIA AND TANAZANIA) ARE AVAILABLE.

2. COMMENT: BLAYEL IS A LOW-KEY AND LOW-ENERGY INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM WE HAVE FRIENDLY PERSONAL CONTACTS. AMONG HIS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES THIS YEAR, GLAYEL HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE UPDATING OF THE C-24 1974 REPORT ON PUERTO RICO. GLAYEL PARTICIPATED IN THE VISITING MISSION TO THE UK VIRGIN ISLANDS LAST YEAR AND DID NOT, ACCORDING TO UKUN, PRESENT ANY PROBLEMS.

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3. CONCERNING DIAKITE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE DOES NOT SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH (UN WOULD PROVIDE A TRANSLATOR). UKUN WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT DIAKITE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE C-24 MISSION TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS.

4. ALTHOUGH DIAKITE AND BLAYEL COULD POSE SOME

POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES, AND WE SEE SOME DISADVANTAGE IN THE PREPONDERANCE OF FRENCH SPEAKERS (TUNISIA, SYRIA, MALI). THE RISK, IN OUR VIEW, IS OUTWEIGHED BY THE PROBABLE NEGATIVE REACTION TO WITHDRAWING OUR INVITATION TO THE C-24. ALSO, WE DOUBT WE COULD COME UP WITH A BETTER MISSION IF WE START AGAIN FROM SCRATCH. WE BELIEVE THAT VISITING MISSION CHAIRMAN VUNIBOBO (FIJI) WILL EXERT CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN KEEPING THE MISSION ON AN ACCEPTABLE TACK FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE. THE MISSION WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MANUFACTURE INFORMATION ABOUT THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS SINCE THE TERRITORY RECEIVES WIDE PRESS COVERAGE AND ALSO BECAUSE THE FACTS WILL SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

5. RECOMMENDATION: USUN THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM ABDULAH THAT BOTH GLAYEL AND DIAKITE ARE ACCEPTABLE TO US. IF DEPT APPROVES USUN WILL CALL GOVERNOR KING.  
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